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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

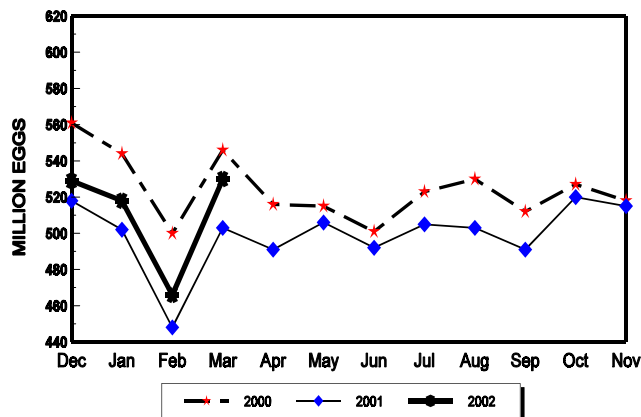
California's egg production during March totaled 530 million, 64.0 million more than last month and 27.0 million more than last March. Average number of layers during the month totaled 24.1 million, slightly higher than last month and 3 percent higher than March 2001. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,202 compared to 1,952 last month and 2,159, in March 2001.

U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.41 billion during March 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2002 averaged 337 million, slightly higher than the average number of layers during March 2001. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,197 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,178 eggs in March 2001.

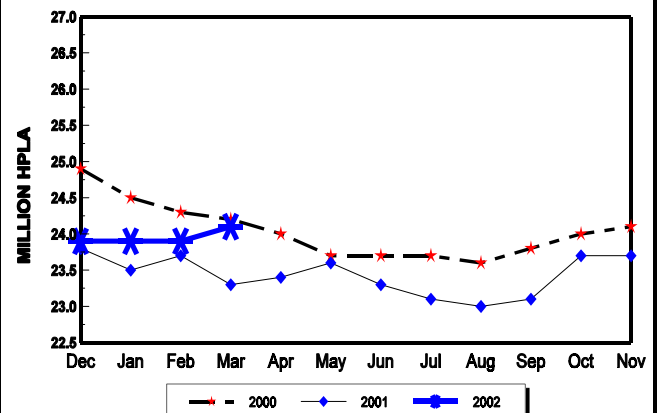
All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2002 totaled 338 million, slightly higher than a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.60 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day on April 1, 2002 averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



1/ Previous Year

AVERAGE NUMBER OF HPLA, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



1/ Previous Year

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MARCH, FORCED MOLTING AS OF APRIL 1

| State | Average Number of Layers on Hand | | Eggs Per 100 Layers | | Total Egg Production | | Layers Being Molted | | Layers With Molt Completed | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 |
| | Thousands | | Number | | Millions | | Percent | | | |
| Alabama | 10,364 | 10,410 | 1,949 | 1,912 | 202 | 199 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 11.0 | 8.0 |
| Arkansas | 15,163 | 15,235 | 1,985 | 1,897 | 301 | 289 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 11.5 | 6.5 |
| California | 23,301 | 24,068 | 2,159 | 2,202 | 503 | 530 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 33.5 | 33.5 |
| Georgia | 21,385 | 20,420 | 2,104 | 2,120 | 450 | 433 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 20.5 | 13.5 |
| Indiana | 22,999 | 22,630 | 2,252 | 2,232 | 518 | 505 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 33.0 | 31.5 |
| Iowa | 31,962 | 35,623 | 2,231 | 2,277 | 713 | 811 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 27.0 | 31.5 |
| North Carolina | 11,213 | 11,330 | 1,908 | 1,906 | 214 | 216 | 1.0 | 3.5 | 9.5 | 3.0 |
| Ohio | 30,251 | 29,976 | 2,245 | 2,248 | 679 | 674 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 23.0 | 16.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 24,623 | 23,379 | 2,376 | 2,361 | 585 | 552 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 20.5 | 19.0 |
| Texas | 18,969 | 18,971 | 2,156 | 2,240 | 409 | 425 | 1.0 | 5.5 | 22.5 | 22.0 |
| United States | 336,820 | 337,338 | 2,178 | 2,197 | 7,336 | 7,412 | 2.0 | 3.6 | 23.1 | 22.0 |

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The March 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 790 million, was up 2 percent from March of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 644 million on April 1, 2002, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.80 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2002, up slightly from March 2001.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

| State | 2001 | 2002 | 2002/2001 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Thousands | Thousands | Percent |
| Alabama | 104,763 | 108,368 | 103 |
| Arkansas | 110,286 | 112,252 | 102 |
| Delaware | 14,237 | 13,124 | 92 |
| Florida | 9,493 | 8,465 | 89 |
| Georgia | 114,365 | 114,926 | 100 |
| Maryland | 35,474 | 35,980 | 101 |
| Mississippi | 69,140 | 70,481 | 102 |
| North Carolina | 68,948 | 70,696 | 103 |
| Pennsylvania | 13,158 | 13,688 | 104 |
| South Carolina | 17,101 | 17,204 | 101 |
| Texas | 54,366 | 57,158 | 105 |
| Virginia | 24,654 | 24,650 | 100 |
| California, Tennessee & West Virginia | 41,997 | 40,594 | 97 |
| Other States ^{1/} | 95,778 | 102,756 | 107 |
| UNITED STATES | 773,760 | 790,342 | 102 |

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 36.7 million, down 10 percent from March 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.8 million on April 1, 2002, down 11 percent from a year ago.

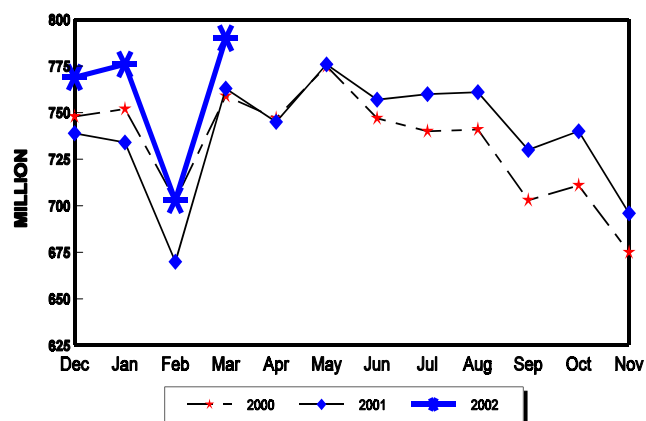
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 237 thousand during March 2002. This was down 17 percent from March 2001.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

| State | 2001 | 2002 | 2002/2001 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Thousands | Thousands | Percent |
| Arkansas | 739 | 681 | 92 |
| Florida | 1,002 | 629 | 63 |
| Georgia | 2,284 | 2,271 | 99 |
| Indiana | 7,338 | 5,266 | 72 |
| Iowa | 5,034 | 4,893 | 97 |
| Minnesota | 1,375 | 1,716 | 125 |
| Pennsylvania | 5,457 | 4,867 | 89 |
| Other States ^{1/} | 17,764 | 16,394 | 92 |
| UNITED STATES | 40,993 | 36,717 | 90 |

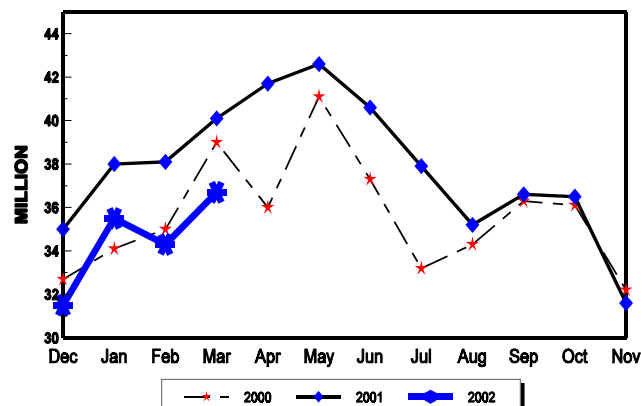
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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



^{1/} Previous Year

EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



^{1/} Previous Year

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 1

| Geographic Division | Broiler-Type | | | Egg-Type | | |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2002/2001 | 2001 | 2002 | 2002/2001 |
| | Thousands | Thousands | Percent | Thousands | Thousands | Percent |
| North Atlantic | 12,057 | 12,248 | 102 | 5,604 | 4,312 | 77 |
| East North Central | 7,155 | 7,637 | 107 | 9,324 | 7,855 | 84 |
| West North Central | 20,546 | 21,105 | 103 | 6,886 | 5,662 | 82 |
| South Atlantic | 241,207 | 239,711 | 99 | 3,402 | 4,677 | 137 |
| South Central | 326,439 | 339,271 | 104 | 5,553 | 5,049 | 91 |
| West | 25,615 | 24,135 | 94 | 5,899 | 5,247 | 89 |
| UNITED STATES | 633,019 | 644,107 | 102 | 36,668 | 32,802 | 89 |

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average March prices received by California producers, when compared to February average prices, increased 12 cents per dozen for market eggs. Monthly turkey prices were discontinued.

Nationally, the March average prices received by producers decreased two cents per pound for broilers, while turkey prices decreased one and one-half cents per pound. Prices for market eggs increased 14.9 cents per dozen.

POULTRY & EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS ^{1/}

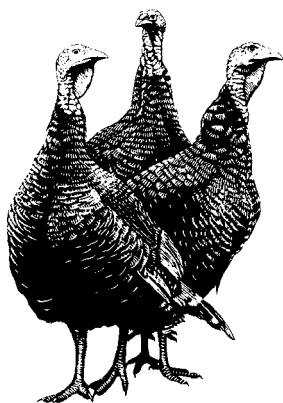
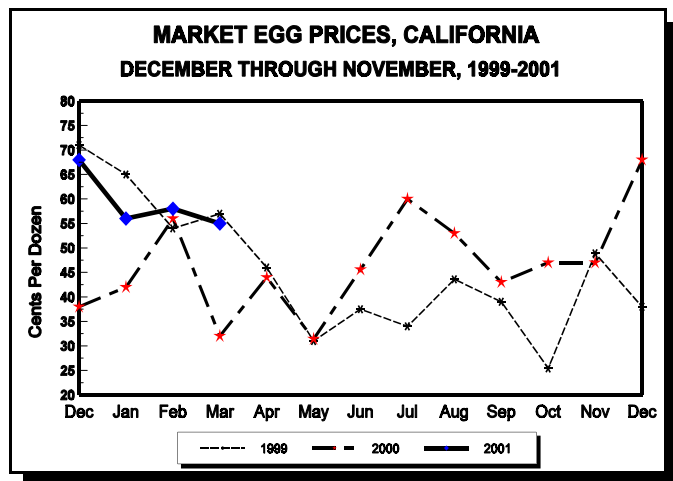
| Commodity | Unit | Mar. 15, 2001 | Feb. 15, 2002 | Mar. 15, 2002 |
|-----------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Cents | | |
| | | | | |
| CALIFORNIA | | | | |
| Chickens-Broilers <u>2/</u> | Lb. | --- | --- | --- |
| Market Eggs <u>3/</u> | Doz. | 55.0 | 30.0 | 42.0 |
| Turkeys <u>4/</u> | Lb. | 46.0 | --- | --- |
| UNITED STATES | | | | |
| Chickens-Broilers | Lb. | 40.0 | 34.0 | 32.0 |
| Market Eggs <u>3/</u> | Doz. | 51.8 | 36.6 | 51.5 |
| Turkeys | Lb. | 37.1 | 34.1 | 32.9 |

^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Published annually in May.

^{3/} Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

^{4/} Discontinued in 2002.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

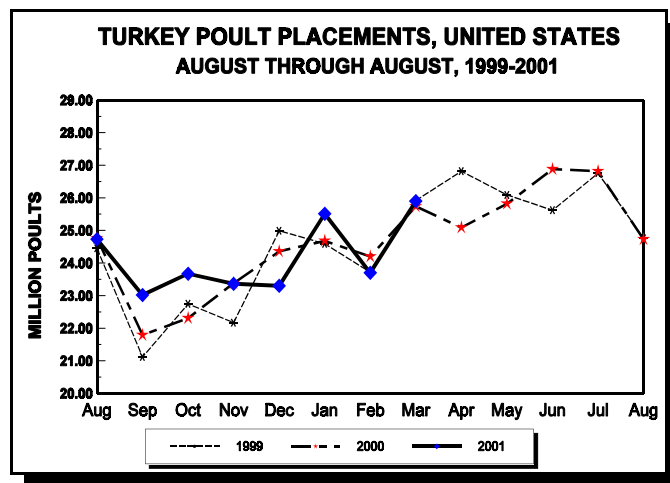
Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 32.8 million on April 1, 2002, down slightly from April 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent above the March 1 total of 32.6 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 6 percent; West North Central, up 9 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 1 percent; South Central, down 7 percent; and West, down 11 percent.

The 25.7 million poults placed during March 2002 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 6 percent from the February 2002 total of 24.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 2 percent; West North Central, up 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 1 percent; South Central, down 5 percent; and West, down 10 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

| Geographic Division | Eggs in Incubators Apr. 1 | | 2002 2001 | Poults Placed during Mar. 1/ | | 2002 2001 |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | | 2001 | 2002 | |
| | Thousands | | Percent | Thousands | | Percent |
| EN Central | 5,136 | 4,834 | 94 | 3,736 | 3,654 | 98 |
| W N Central | 11,197 | 12,232 | 109 | 9,080 | 9,192 | 101 |
| N & S Atlantic | 9,739 | 9,602 | 99 | 8,195 | 8,086 | 99 |
| S Central | 3,283 | 3,037 | 93 | 2,446 | 2,312 | 95 |
| West | 3,528 | 3,140 | 89 | 2,691 | 2,416 | 90 |
| U.S. | 32,883 | 32,845 | 100 | 26,148 | 25,660 | 98 |

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

| Month | Total All Breeds | | 01-02 00-01 | Cumulative Total | | 01-02 00-01 |
|---------------------|------------------|---------|----------------|------------------|---------|----------------|
| | 2000-01 | 2001-02 | | 2000-01 | 2001-02 | |
| | Thousands | | Percent | Thousands | | Percent |
| Sept. ^{2/} | 23,016 | 22,414 | 97 | 23,016 | 22,414 | 97 |
| Oct. ^{2/} | 23,672 | 24,128 | 102 | 46,688 | 46,542 | 100 |
| Nov. | 23,357 | 24,226 | 104 | 70,045 | 70,768 | 101 |
| Dec. ^{2/} | 23,297 | 24,499 | 105 | 93,342 | 95,267 | 102 |
| Jan. | 25,612 | 25,880 | 101 | 118,954 | 121,147 | 102 |
| Feb. | 23,775 | 24,266 | 102 | 142,729 | 145,413 | 102 |
| Mar. | 26,148 | 25,660 | 98 | 168,877 | 171,073 | 101 |
| Apr. | 25,858 | | | 194,735 | | |
| May | 26,682 | | | 221,417 | | |
| June | 26,121 | | | 247,538 | | |
| July | 27,064 | | | 274,602 | | |
| Aug. | 25,032 | | | 299,634 | | |

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Revised 2001-02 data for "Total All Breeds."

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

| Commodity | Unit | March 2001 | February 2002 <u>a/</u> | March 2002 | Mar. 2002 Mar. 2001 | Mar. 2002 Feb. 2002 |
|-------------------------------|------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | | Thousands | | | Percent | |
| PACIFIC COAST | | | | | | |
| Turkeys | Lbs. | 50,739 | 32,357 | 37,029 | 73 | 114 |
| Chickens | Lbs. | 40,806 | 39,517 | 43,041 | 105 | 109 |
| Ducks | Lbs. | 130 | 92 | 115 | 88 | 125 |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 91,675 | 71,966 | 80,185 | 87 | 111 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | |
| Turkeys | Lbs. | 355,764 | 409,866 | 443,787 | 125 | 108 |
| Chickens | Lbs. | 642,952 | 725,095 | 787,574 | 122 | 109 |
| Ducks | Lbs. | 4,883 | 7,097 | 6,710 | 137 | 95 |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 1,003,599 | 1,142,058 | 1,238,071 | 123 | 108 |
| Eggs, Frozen | Lbs. | 14,601 | 13,905 | 11,654 | 80 | 84 |

a/ Revised.